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## India

### FAIRS Product Specific

### Standards for Vegetable Oils

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**Report Highlights:**

On December 21, 2005, the Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI), issued a final Gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), which establishes new or revised standards for several vegetable oils. These standards apparently do not apply to the same domestically-produced sunflower seed and safflower seed oils. The respective draft Gazette notification (see GAIN report IN5063) was notified to the WTO on July 25, 2005 (G/SPS/N/IND/27).

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes revised PFA standards for various vegetable oils, such as olive, imported safflower seed, and imported sunflower seed. Some of these standards apparently do not apply to the same domestically-produced sunflower seed and safflower seed oils

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not be viewed, under any circumstances, as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for US agricultural export trade interests.

**Type of Regulation:** Final

**Important Dates:**

- Draft Gazette Publication Date: May 16, 2005
- Deadline for receiving comments: July 15, 2005
- Notification date to the WTO: July 25, 2005
- Final Gazette publication date: December 21, 2005
- Effective Date: December 21, 2005

**Products Affected:** Olive oil, imported safflower seed oil, imported sunflower seed oil, etc.

**Agency in Charge:** Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

**Proposed Major Changes:** New standards established or old standards revised.

The link to the final Gazette notification is: [www.mohfw.nic.in/731.pdf](http://www.mohfw.nic.in/731.pdf)

**For More Information:** See the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration web site at <http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa.htm>

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